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SUBJECT: EC/MEDITERRANEAN POLICY: TUNISIAN OLIVE OIL

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1. ON OCTOBER 13 THE EC COMMISSION PUBLISHED REGULATION 2599/75 PROVIDING FOR PREMIUMS FOR THE PRIVATE STORAGE OF OLIVE OIL (TEXT POUCHED UNDER COVER OF AIRGRAM). IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE EC'S RECENT ACTION TO RESTRICT OLIVE OIL IMPORTS (REF A) WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MAGHREB COUNTRIES TO A HALT AT MID-SUMMER. IN VIEW OF THE KEY ROLE OF THE OLIVE OIL ISSUE IN UNBLOCKING THE NEGOTIATIONS, WE CHECKED WITH ANDRESEN, DIVISION CHIEF IN DG VIII FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN NEGOTIATIONS TO GET THIS ASSESSMENT OF THIS NEW STORAGE PREMIUM REGULATION.

2. ANDRESEN SAID THAT WITH THE RECORD NEW OLIVE OIL CROPS EXPECTED THIS YEAR (200,000 TONES) THE
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STORAGE PREMIUMS ARE DESIGNED TO EASE THE SITUATION

SOMEWHAT IN THE ITALIAN MARKET. BUT HE CALLS IT
MERELY A "GOODWILL GESTURE" AND UNLIKELY TO HAVE
ANY REAL IMPACT ON TUNISIA'S PROBLEM. ANDRESEN SAYS
THE COMMISSION SERVICES ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR A
FORMULA TO UNBLOCK THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT THAT THIS
ACTION, BY ITSELF, DOES NOT REPRESENT A BREAKTHROUGH.
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